

Ordinance No. 21-07

ORDINANCE: To amend Chapter 5, Article XII, “Property Maintenance Code” by amending Section 5-287 so as to amend the provisions regarding vacant structures

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland that Chapter 5, Article XII “Property Maintenance Code” be amended by amending Section 5-287 so as to amend the provisions regarding vacant structures as follows:

## ARTICLE XII. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

### DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

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### DIVISION 2. TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Sec. 5-286. BOCA National Property Maintenance Code – Adopted

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Sec. 5-287. Same – Amendments.

The BOCA National Property Maintenance Code, fifth Edition, 1996, is amended in the following respects:

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Section PM-301.3 is amended by adding a new subsection PM-301.3.1 to read as follows:

**“PM-301.3 Vacant Structures and land:** All vacant structures and premises thereof or vacant land shall be maintained in a clean, safe, secure and sanitary condition as provided herein so as not to cause a blighting problem or adversely affect the public health or safety.

#### **“PM-301.3.1. Vacant structures; limits on boarding**

All vacant residential and commercial structures shall at all times have all windows and doors secured and in place, including glass panes and locks, and shall not otherwise exhibit the appearance of being vacant or otherwise not occupied for its intended purpose. The property must at all times be maintained in compliance with the provisions of this Chapter and other applicable provisions of the Rockville City Code.

**Exceptions:** A structure may be secured by boarding the exterior of the structure for a period no longer than ninety (90) days. An owner, operator, agent or other person responsible for maintaining the structure in compliance with the Rockville City Code may apply to the Chief of Police for permission to extend the boarding of the structure. For good cause shown, the Chief of Police may permit boarding of the structure to be extended by up to, but not exceeding, an additional sixty (60) days. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the boarding of windows and doors from the interior of the structure where such boarding is not visible from the outside.

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NOTE: Underlining indicates language added  
Asterisks \* \* \* indicates language unchanged by this ordinance

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy  
of an Ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council at its  
meeting of September 24, 2007.

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Claire F. Funkhouser, City Clerk